



OKLAHOMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Justices					
Confidence Score	Mild Republican	Mild Republican	Indeterminate	Mild Republican	Mild Republican
Opinion Partners			✓		✓
Dissenting Minority	✓	✓		✓	
Determining Majority					
Lone Dissenter					

- ▶ Number of justices: **5**
- ▶ Number of cases: **22**
- ▶ Percentage of cases with a unanimous ruling: **77.3% (17)**
- ▶ Justice most often writing the majority opinion: **Justice Lumpkin and Lewis (5)**
- ▶ Per curiam decisions: **0**
- ▶ Concurring opinions: **21**
- ▶ Justice with most concurring opinions: **Justice Lewis (10)**
- ▶ Dissenting opinions: **2**
- ▶ Justice with most dissenting opinions: **Justice Lewis (2)**

COURT CONTENTION

Opinion partners/dissenting minority

In 2020, one case before the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals was decided by split decision. In two other cases two justices filed opinions concurring in part and dissenting in part. Justices Kuehn and Lewis were opinion partners in the one split decision and concurred in part and dissented in part together twice. They also concurred together twice. In our *Ballotpedia Courts: State Partisanship* study, Justice Lewis recorded an Indeterminate Confidence Score and Justice Kuehn recorded a Mild Republican Confidence Score.

Determining majority

In the one case decided by split decision, Justices Hudson, Lumpkin, and Rowland were in the majority. They also consistently ruled in the majority while Justices Kuehn and Lewis concurred in judgment. In our *Ballotpedia Courts: State Partisanship* study, Hudson, Lumpkin and Rowland recorded Mild Republican Confidence Scores.

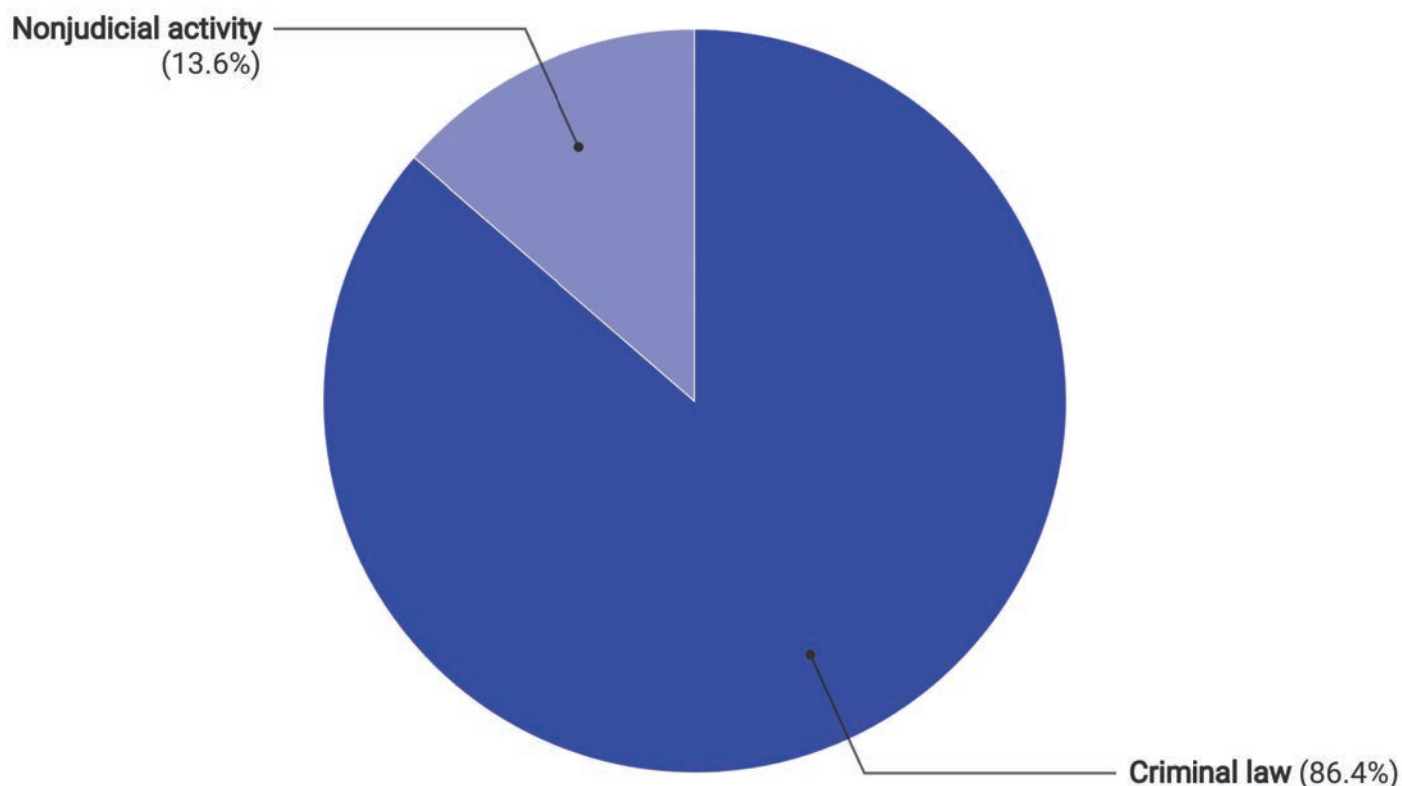
Lone dissenter

In 2020, only one case before the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals was decided 4-1. Justice Lewis was the lone dissenter in that case.

COURT JURISDICTION

In Oklahoma, there are two courts of last resort, the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals and the Oklahoma Supreme Court. The Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals hears cases involving the death penalty and all cases involving criminal matters coming from the district courts and the municipal courts of record. In the event of a dispute involving whether the Oklahoma Supreme Court or the court of criminal appeals has jurisdiction in a case, the supreme court makes the final determination.

Case types decided by Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, 2020



The most common cases heard by the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals in 2020 were criminal cases. Of the 22 cases it heard, 19 were criminal cases, or 86.4 percent of its total caseload for the year. A criminal case involves a final criminal appeal before the court of last resort.

The second most common decision made by the court of criminal appeals was nonjudicial. A case is considered nonjudicial activity if it does not involve a formal hearing and discussion before the court. The Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals heard three cases considered nonjudicial activity in 2020, or 13.6 percent of its total caseload for the year.